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Marc G. Achen et al.

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For: Methods For Treating Neoplastic Disease
Characterized By Vascular Endothelial Growth
Factor D Expression, For Screening For
Neoplastic Disease or Metastatic Risk and For
Maintaining Vascularization of Tissue

Examiner: P. N. Huynh

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 28, 2008. This response is timely filed in view of the petition for a one-month extension of time submitted herewith and appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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